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A STATEMENT TO OUR READERS

HE EDITION of June 30th, of THE AMERICAN SOCIAL-IST, our Liberty Edition, has been held up by the postal authorities in Chicago pending investigation and report by the Solicitor General of the postal department at Washington as to whether it is mailable.

For this reason many subscribers have not received their paper. We are still hoping to have this issue declared mailable and hope to have this and future issues, in regular form, go out as usual.

Our paper will be published regularly. Every effort will be made to comply with the law and at the same time issue a publication that will be a credit to the Socialist movement. There should be no let-up in getting subscriptions. We must continue to rely entirely on your efforts in increasing our army of readers, now as always.

Our Liberty Edition, so far as we have been able to learn, is being held up by the postal department on the following grounds:

FIRST: The issue of June 16th, was declared to be unmailable, under the act of June 15, 1917. This decision was not reached until June 30th, two weeks after the offending issue had gone thru the mails. There is a ruling of the postal department, however, that when any issue of any publication is held to be unmailable, all subsequent issues are under suspicion, and must be held up until a decision is reached by the Washington authorities. This may not be for several days or weeks. From the ruling of the Solicitor General of the post office department there is no appeal except

SECOND: One objection to the issue of June 16th, according to such information as we have been able to get, was that it carried an advertisement of the leaflet, "The Price We Pay" This leaflet, unknown to us, had been declared to be unmailable under the act of June 15, 1917, known as the Espionage Law. This decision was received by the Chicago post office, June 22, but was not communicated to us. We knew nothing whatever about this post office decision, but proceeding on the strength of several opinions from federal district attorneys in various parts of the country, had assumed that they were correct in holding that the leaflet was unobjectionable. Not having being notified that there was anything wrong with the leaflet in the eyes of the government, we have continued to advertise and circulate it. In view of the post office ruling, now that it has been made known to us. "The Price We Pay" will not hereafter be advertised in THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, and no mention will be made of it.

THIRD: We have also been informed that the whole "spirit" and "tone" of the issue of June 16th, is contrary to the "spirit" of the act of June 15th. This act, in so far as it applies to the mails, is herewith reproduced:

Sec. 2. Amendments to Postal Laws and Regulations. Washington, June 16, 1917.

Order No. 431.

The Postal Laws and Regulations of 1913 is hereby amended by the addition of the following as Section $481\frac{1}{2}$.

1. Every letter, writing, circular, postal card, picture, print, engraving, photograph, newspaper, pamphlet, book, or other pub-

lication, matter, or thing, of any kind, in violation of any of the provisions of this act (Act of June 15, 1917, Espionage Bill), is hereby declared to be nonmailable matter and shall not be conveyed in the mails or delivered from any post office or by any letter carrier: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize any person other than an employee of the Dead Letter Office, duly authorized thereto, or other person upon a search warrant authorized by law, to open any letter not addressed to himself. (Act of June 15, 1917, Sec. 1, Title XII).

- 2. Every letter, writing, circular, postal card, picture, print, engraving, photograph, newspaper, pamphlet, book, or other publication, matter, or thing, of any kind, containing any matter advocating or urging treason, insurrection, or forcible resistance to any law of the United States, is hereby declared to be non-mailable. (Act of June 15, 1917, Sec. 2, Title XII).
- 3. Paragraph 1 above relates to mail matter of any class which is in violation of any of the provisions of the Act of June 15, 1917, known as the Espionage Bill, and applies specifically to all matter which is intended to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States or to promote the success of its enemies, or which is intended to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty, in the military or naval forces of the United States, or which is intended to obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service of the United States. (Act of June 15, 1917, Sec. 3, Title I).
- 4. Whoever shall use or attempt to use the mails or Postal Service of the United States for the transmission of any matter declared by this title (Title XII, Act of June 15, 1917, Escionage Bill) to be nonmailable, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. Any person violating any provision of this title may be tried and punished either in the district in which the unlawful matter or publication was mailed, or to which it was carried by mail for delivery according to the direction thereon, or in which it was caused to be delivered by mail to the person to whom it was addressed. (Act of June 15, 1917, Sec. 3, Title XII).

This issue of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST is reduced in size, owing to these conditions. As we go to press, information is received from our representative in Washington as follows:

"Solicitor Lamar, post office department, today told National Committeeman Julian Pierce he was working in unison with department of justice and General Crowder to enforce law as to mailing seditious matter, and that Socialist editors wishing to avoid confiscation of editions should get and read copy of law to learn what is forbidden. At department of justice, two assistant attorney generals in charge this matter finally agreed to receive from Pierce in his official capacity as National Committeeman his request that department issue full statement as to what in confiscated editions Socialist and other papers was ruled unmailable, giving samples such matter, expected that such statement be made within 48 hours by department of justice."

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Hillquit followed with an interesting and valuable resume of the so-

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For Social Insurance

By E. G. ROUTZAHN.

That the ultimate aims of Socialism nave little in common with the modern measures of state insurance was presented to the National Conference of Charities and Correction by Morris Hillauit.

"But if there is little relation between the socialist ideal and the abstract principle of social insurance," said Hillquit, "there is a definite and close connection between the practical political movement of Socialism and the concrete system of social insurance. In each country the introduction and extension of the system

ing and valuable resume of the so-cialist background to the history of the development of social insurance which will appear in full in the proceedings of the National Charities Conference where it will form a permanent addition to the reference libraries of the leaders in "social wel-

fare" thruout the country.

"Today the demand for a compre-hensive system of social insurance," continued the speaker, "is included in every political program of Socialism and in their practical parliamentary activity the Socialist parties of all want you to have a copy of my nice with the socialist parties of all countries endeavor to secure the extension and improvement of the system." During the slow and painful evolution of the Socialist ideal of a "Co-operative Commonwealth" many millions "of wage laborers are bound to suffer all the hardships inherent in Copy At Once

Write to me today and let me send you this book. It an automobile.

To sumer all the hardships inherent in the modern economic system." To the worker of scanty wages and little or no savings "a sudden interruption in his earnings caused by industrial accident, sickness, disability, old age, or unemployment is a dire calamity. You Can Be the Proud or unemployment, is a dire calamity.

Millions of workers and their families find themselves in such a helpless, destitute and tragic condition at one time or another and in the absence of a system of social insurance, modern Don't envy your friends. Have your own ear. Become the proud owner of one of society, mercilessly and unfeelingly, my Fords. You may. What a wonderful source of pleasure it will be—a producer of health—an asset in the struggle for success. It is your duty to yourself to own one. vidual exploitation and greed.

Another motive for Socialistic support of state insurance is the belief that the program of Socialism will be realized "thru concerted, intelligent I have given cars to old men, young men, blind men, women, ministers, business men, farmers, merchants—even to boys and girla You can get one, too. Let me know if you want one. Fill out the coupon below and ernd it today. This is your BIG CHANCE!

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> "The effect of a comprehensive system of state insurance is to remove from the minds of the workers the haunting dread born of uncertainty, and to develop in them a sense of material security and intellectual in-dependence. The Socialists, moreover, regard the system of compulsory state insurance as a large step-in the direction of the social trans-formation of the modern individual-istic state."

The Welcome Packet

To our New Members:-Our toil is not only of the hand, but of the mind as well. You have already be-gun to study Socialism. Let your studies continue; for the longer your live, the more Socialism develops, and the more there is to know about

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Study these books with care, if possible in company with others some member of your family, or som friend. Show them; explain them; lend them around. We must get your neighbors thinking, and thinking hard thinking quickly, for the Great Day has come to you and me, and we

must be ready.
Send for a Welcome Packet. 85 cents worth for fifty cents.

"We think we have fine prospects of winning here in our local election", writes Comrade Ernest Fitch, of Coshocton, Ohio. Go to it, comrades.

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The Packet contains: "Public Ownership of Railways", by Carl D. Thompson; price 10 cents. "Our National Kitchen", by Anna A. Maley; price 10 cents. "What's So and What Isn't", by John M. Work, new and revised edition; price 25 cents.

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SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1917.

Our Birthday!

It was our intention and hope to make a special appeal in this issue for subs for THE AMERICAN SOCIAL-IST in celebration of its third birthday, July 18, 1917.

It was our plan to give an extended review of the work of THE AMER-ICAN SOCIALIST since it was first established as the official organ of the national Socialist Party, on July 18.

In view of the fact, however, that it is very problematical what we may be allowed to publish under the act of congress adopted June 15, 1917, and which resulted in declaring our issue of June 16th, unmailable, we are confining ourselves to this short statement.

In the meantime we are consulting counsel to discover just what our rights are under the law so that we may continue publication and witness many prosperous birthdays in the future for our paper.

Within two weeks after the first appearance of this paper, July 18, 1914, the world-war broke out. Since its appearance, therefore, it has had to deal with the problems of the world's destiny, and it has done so in a fearless and uncompromising way. Since the entry of this nation into the war it has endeavored to stand up for the rights of labor and the constitutional guarantees, as fearlessly as before our entry it told the truth about actual conditions in the warring nations.

It is above all things supremely necessary that the Labor Press, the Socialist Press, should be supported and strengthened. We ask you to make the week of July 15 to 22 a Birthday Week celebration for our paper. Help it by securing subscriptions on the at-

Devote the week of July 15 to 22, to a special endeavor to obtain subscriptions. The time is a favorable one. All over the land men and women are awake and eager to learn the meaning of this great world force, Socialism.

The month of June just closed has been the biggest in the entire three year's history of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. In our next issue we shall make an extended report on the increase in our subscription list during June and the brilliant outlook for the future.

Help us celebrate BIRTHDAY WEEK! The returns will be published in the next succeeding issue. We can roll the list of readers up to the Million Mark, if we but try; for the soil is prepared for the scattering of the seed. Here is our BIRTHDAY WEEK

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Help Celebrate Our Birthday Week!

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Banner List Of Week THE BANNER LIST OF THE WEEK WAS SENT BY F. J. WILDANGER, ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA, WITH 154 NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

"There is no doubt that The American Socialist is the best literature we could possibly put into the hands of new mem-bers", writes R. E. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of Local Minneapolis, Minn.

"Am working 12 hours a day and don't have much time, but it is not a bit hard to get subscribers for The American Socialist. Never thought, it was so easy", writes W. F. Euler, Pennsylvania. "I advise others to get a list started during these times, and find out how simple it is to get it filled out." Good advice, comrades: Send in a few names and register on our Hustler list.

Local Davenport charges all new members 50 cents to join, applying 25 cents for a six months sub to The American Socialist, writes the secretary. This is a splendid idea. Other locals might follow it

Our 10 Commandments

By R. A. DAGUE.

IRST-Thou shalt not individually own for profit, the crude or raw material things provided by nature, such as lands, water, fuel, minerals, air, sunlight, electricity and other public necessities which all the public use. Those should be owned by all collectively.

and profit.

Fourth—Thou shalt not worship profits as thy God (because to take profits is to receive values without returning an equivalent therefor) but thy God shall be Infinite Intelligence whose attributes are justice, wisdom

Fifth—Thou shalt keep seven days of each week holy by dealing justly with thy fellow men and doing good.
Sixth—Thou shalt honor thy father and mother, also all men and women

whose age exceeds 60 years by giving them government pensions that will make them comfortable the remaining years of their life.

Seventh—Thou shalt not require children to work in mines, factories,

shops, or in any industry, but thou shalt send them to school where they may be well educated free of expense Eighth—Thou shalt promote and maintain the exercise of equal social,

religious and political rights and privileges of men and women alike. Ninth—Thou shalt, thyself, have unrestricted liberty to enjoy such religion as their conscience approves, and thou shalt defend the right of all others to exercise the same privilege, and thou shalt favor and defend the people's right to freedom of speech, a free press, free assemblage, free schools and religious liberty.

Tenth—Thou shall favor the abolition of the competitive system of industrialism under which men, for profits, compete, contend, cheat, fight, and kill—a system that appeals to all that is crafty, greedy, selfish, un-just and dishonest in man, the legitimate fruits of which are extremes of riches and poverty, ignorance, squalor, injustice, crime and war, the motto of which is, "Might makes right, to the victor belongs the spoils"—and thou shalt help to estab-lish and maintain a co-operative commonwealth the foundation stones of which are justice, reciprocity, universal peace—a system of industrialwhich appeals to all that is just. and honest and kind and lofty in the human mind; the logical fruits of which are peace and good-will to all mankind, and the motto of which is, "An injury to one is the concern of

COLLEGE SOCIALISTS.

In no year in the history of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society has the Society been more successful in carrying its message of Socialism to the college world than during the college year 1916-17, just ending. From November, 1916 to April, 1917, more than 42,000 students in 93 colleges listened to that message as expounded by Harry W. Laidler, Rose Pastor Stokes and IrwinTucker. Mr. Laidler, the secretary of the

Society, visited during the year 44 colleges from Maine to Illinois, lecturing before 47 economics and other classes and numerous entire college

In the fall Mrs. Stokes toured the Southern states, visiting a number of colleges in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Her address on "What So-cialists Want and Why They Want It" won her and the cause many Beginning with January, 1917, the

Society established an office in Chicago, with Irwin Tucker, formerly managing editor of the Christian Socialist, as Middle Western organizer Mr. Tucker visited during the Spring numercus colleges in Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri, organizing and strengthening undergraduate alumni chapters. The reception accorded him in many of the colleges was most cordial.

Gardner L. Harding, author of "Present Day China" gave nearly two weeks in January to the work of the 50 THOUSAND PEOPLE WANTED. I. S. S. in the colleges of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mr. Harding devoted his talks chiefly to an interesting discussion of "Socialism and Social Reform in the Orient."

"Our local is devoting a good part of its income just now to missionary work by sending The American Socialist to any favorable prospect that is recommended to us, with splendid results," writes J. E. Chenoweth, Indiana. "In most instances, after they have read a few copies they willingly pay for their own paper. We are trying to follow up these subs with personal letters, explaining that if the receiver is interested in the Socialist movement they can do so by calling on the local."

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Fred Briehle, Queens County No. 1, N. Y.
V. T. Ballinger, Richmond, Ind.
THIRD PRIZE: 4 points each.
D. B. Sherman, Rochester, N. Y.
George Waller, West Side, Chicago, Ill.
Louis Sherman, Fellowship, Chicago, Ill.

ENTERTAINMENT MANAGERS.

FIRST PRIZE: Tom Matthews, Omaha, Nebr., 10 points.

SECOND PRIZE: 7 points each.
Mary Willey, Terre Haute, Ind.
Simon Warshofsky, Rochester, N. Y.
Florence Jehantages, Queens Co. Ne, 1,
N. Y.

THIRD PRIZE: 4 points each.
Rhoda Kerstein, Buffalo, N. Y.
Morris Kessler, Paterson, N. J.
Florence M. Erickson, Jamestown, N. Y.

Second,—Six days shalt thou labor at some useful occupation with head or hands.

Third—Thou shalt not steal from others the rewards of their labor, by speculation, monopoly, interest, rents and profit.

Fourth—Thou shalt not worship profits as thy God (because to take)

FIRST PRIZE, 10 points: Phul Shogren, Newark, N. J., No. 2.

SECOND PRIZE: 7 points each.

Eugene M. Konceky, Omaha, Nebr.
L. P. Schuhardt, Terre Haute, Ind.

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Simon Alderman, New Haven, Conn.

Edward Jurek, Trenton, N. J.

Carl V. Ulrich, Toledo, Ohle.

CONNECTICUT

New Britain is IT right now. At a recent meeting they had visitors from New York and Hartford, and just to show off they bought a N. Y. Call Liberty Bond, and \$5.00 worth of American Socialist sub cards. Comrade Shea, the secretary of the local, reports that the old folks are just enthusiastic about them. They recently ran a very successful Mock-Trial and turned over \$55 to the local

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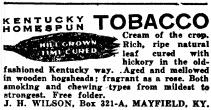
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